

## IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 5th, 2024

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### **Silent Keys – John Reddington EI8AJ, Frank Cox EI3CT, and Leo McHugh EI8BR**

We regretfully learned of the death of Sean (John) Reddington EI8AJ on April 19th, 2024. John was involved in the hobby since the early 1960s where his station QTH was listed as the Air Corp Technical Wing in Baldonnell at that time. He died peacefully in the care of the staff at St Francis Hospice, Raheny, Dublin. We extend our sympathies to his wife Mary, his children Anne, Aileen, Paraic, and his extended family. May John rest in peace.

We also regret to report the death of Frank Cox EI3CT which occurred on April 21st, 2024. Late of Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, Frank passed away in Waterford University Hospital. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Helen of 56 years, his son Robert, daughter Deirdre, and his wide circle of family and friends. May Frank rest in peace.

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Leo McHugh EI8BR on April 25th. Leo was well known within the hobby. He was a former recipient of the IRTS Collins Cup for providing excellent CW training in the South Dublin Radio Club. He was the beloved husband of the late Ann. We pass our sincerest condolences to his sons Nigel and Ken as well as his extended family. May Leo rest in peace.

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### **International Marconi Day celebrated at Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio**

International Marconi Day was celebrated at Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio at the Martello Tower in Howth on Saturday 27th of April. This year is a very special one, as it is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Marconi. EI0MAR was QRV on CW and SSB throughout the day. Band conditions weren't great, and the bulk of contacts made on the 20m band. Several other IMD award stations were worked on 40m also. The museum extends a big thank you to their amateur visitors and operators who made it a special day.

The Martello Tower has the distinction of being the location for wireless telegraphy tests carried out by the Marconi Company in 1905. Two years previously, Lee de Forrest demonstrated his wireless telegraphy system to engineers from the British Post Office from the Martello contacting another station set up in Holyhead. From Tuesday next, the museum will revert to summer opening hours, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry is €5 for adults and €3 for students. Children go free.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Princess Bar, Irishtown Upper, Clonmel, Co Tipperary on Wednesday the 8th of May 2024 at 8 p.m. The

Eircode for this venue is E91 PW90. The meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, visit their group website at [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie)

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### **Mills on the Air and 145 Alive with Collective Communication EI3CC**

Next weekend, May 11th and 12th, Collective Communication EI3CC will be operating from the Tacumshane windmill in Co Wexford, Eircode Y35 ET89 for the Mills on the Air weekend.

Operating on HF, VHF, and UHF, EI3CC will be using their mobile R.C.U. for operation over the weekend. On Saturday, 11th May, Collective Communication will also be participating in the 145 Alive activity so listen out for EI3CC on 145.475MHz FM. It should make for a busy day with participation in both events. The club had a great many visitors at Mills on the Air last year. The mill owner and the club are very much hoping that this year will prove to be the same. If club members or visitors get hungry, the Meyler bar and restaurant is conveniently situated next to the windmill to satisfy anyone's nutritional requirements.

A couple of weeks later on May 26th, Collective Communication will be back in Tramore Co Waterford promoting amateur radio and raising funds for the RNLI during their SOS Radio Week 2024. This year celebrates the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. Currently Collective Communication is the only Irish station registered to participate in this event.

As always, if you want to know more about these events or Collective Communication in general phone the club's secretary, John EI3HQB on 086 870 9265.

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society AGM**

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society held their annual AGM last Wednesday the 1st of May at Marconi House, Castletown Road, Dundalk. The AGM followed the weekly IRTS News read by Damien EI7LF from the club house. Kieran EI9DA and Aidan EI7JC got proceedings underway with the nomination of the various society committee positions.

The following officers were duly elected for the 2024/2025 committee: President Sean EI4IP, Chairman Brian EI8EJB, Secretary Damien EI7LF, Treasurer Jim EI2HJB, PRO Thos EI2JD, QSL Manager Pat EI2HX, and Caretaker Ivan EI1166.

The night came to an end with the presentation of the Slievenamon Perpetual Trophy from the IRTS to the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society Contest Team EI0W who won the VHF/UHF Field Day 2023 70cms Restricted Section. Further information about Dundalk Amateur Radio Society can be found at [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

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### **North Dublin Radio Club AGM**

The AGM of the North Dublin Radio Club will take place at 8.30 p.m. on the 8th of June in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, Kilmore Road. All members are hereby notified and asked to attend.

Plans are currently being put in place to activate the Baily Lighthouse again this year, during the International Lighthouse Event in August. The club hopes that the weather will be as good as it was last year.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club AGM**

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 21st of May 2024 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

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### **145 Alive takes place next weekend**

145 Alive is a fun event aimed at increasing VHF activity and portable operation. It takes place next Saturday 11th May from 13:00 to 15:00 local time on 2m FM simplex. It's an all-Ireland and UK event. Currently, fifteen control stations will be active around Ireland including three in Northern Ireland.

The idea is you contact your nearest control station, and they will try and put you in touch with other callers, rather like a fast and furious net. You can then try and call into another controller, if one is within range, and make more contacts. Please pass the word around and join in the fun next Saturday. All that is needed is a simple 2m handheld.

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### **East Leinster Amateur Radio Club Field Day**

The East Leinster Amateur Radio Club (EI0EL) will be conducting a field day on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May. They will be in the Irish Military Museum in Collon, Co. Meath. Operating from the 2m to 160m bands, they welcome all QSOs. If you are passing, you are invited to call in for a coffee and a chat.

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### **AMSAT Italia Enters into Ownership of IO-117 GreenCube Satellite**

AMSAT Italia announced their acquisition of the IO-117 GreenCube satellite. This move averts the satellite decommissioning process that was signposted for last February by transferring the legal responsibility of the satellite from the Italian Space Agency to AMSAT Italia. GreenCube is a hugely popular amateur radio digipeater and is the first ham radio satellite to operate in a medium earth orbit. Orbiting at altitude in excess of 5800 km, it has a very large footprint making it possible to work stations as far as South America and Japan from Ireland on the 70cm band during suitable passes.

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### **Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News**

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be

submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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